

Senate Majority Committee Clerks

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Public Comment

Senate Transportation Committee - Feb. 18th, 2016
Chair Senator Tom Casperson

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RE: **SB 739** - A bill to limit a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) millage to 2 mills

Position: OPPOSED

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"You're '**Out of Order**'." Committee member Senator Jim Marleau to Jim Casha, Feb 11th, 2016.

Jim Casha to Committee member Senator Jim Marleau:

When this is all done ... We shall see who is '**Out of Order**'.

Senator Marleau's comment doesn't really surprise me, seeing how he once told me he 'slept with' Dave Agema.

On Wed, Feb 17, 2016 at 7:54 AM, Jim Casha <jim.casha@gmail.com> wrote:



There is sign on the 'abandoned' HERTEL Coliseum that says 'No Manure Here'.

Too bad the same can't be said for the proposed legislation (SB 739) before this Committee today. Limiting a millage levied under the RTA Act to two mills will strike a 'death blow' to the RTA. It will be evident to the voters, that the legislature, and the Governor, if he fails to veto it, are not serious about creating a true REGIONAL Transportation System for S.E. Michigan.

I oppose this legislation.

This legislation looks like it should have Dennis Muchmore's name on it as well as Senator Schmidt's.

BTW ...the HERTEL Coliseum would make a GREAT 'focal point' for an ICONIC, REGIONAL, Multi-modal Transportation Center at the MI State Fairgrounds ... and it could be built with 100% FEDERAL FUNDS.

It may 'appear' that I have failed again and, if not getting you to 'do the right thing' is a failure ...I guess that's true.

If you want to see the RTA FAIL ..then go ahead and pass this bill. The RTA ...the RTA you, Chairman Casperson 'created', will FAIL.

The reality is, I win whether you do the right thing OR the wrong thing .but the People of the State of Michigan ...the people you are paid to 'represent' will lose.

My goal is to 'fix the RTA' or BREAK IT. You will help me accomplish one of those goals.

Trump said last night ..."China has trains that go 350 miles an hour ...we have trains that go chug, chug, chug.'

If you pass this bill, S.E Michigan WILL NOT get a REGIONAL Transportation System ...but they will have a private development 'toy train' ... the M1 Streetcar that goes chug, chug, chug.

Pressing on, with unwavering faith,

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